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SUBJ: KUWAIT FIRING UP PLANS FOR THEMATIC AMUSEMENT PARK

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS OFFICIAL, EMBOFF SHOWN THICK FEASIBILITY STUDY DATED MAY 1975 FOR LARGE THEMATIC AMUSEMENT PARK TO BE LOCATED IN SAME AREAS AS NEW KUWAIT STADIUM AND SPORTS COMPLEX. STUDY DONE BY ECONOMIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATES WHICH MAINTAINS OFFICES IN NUMBER OF US CITIES INCLUDING SAN FRANCISCO AND ORLANDO AND HAS HAD, WE UNDERSTAND, SOME ROLE IN ESTABLISHING DISNEYLAND AND DISNEY WORLD.

2. ACCORDING TO MPW OFFICIAL PARK WILL COST FROM KD12-14 MILLION (KD1 EQUALS \$3.45) TO BUILD. HE SAYS STUDY SHOWS THAT GOK WHICH WILL OWN 80 PER CENT OF PARK WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE IT WITH AT LEAST HALF MILLION DINARS A YEAR. HE SAID KUWAIT PLANNING BOARD CONSULTANT SELECTION COMMITTEE HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO INVITE CONSULTANTS TO DO DETAILED DESIGNS FOR PARK. HE BELIEVES MOST OF FIRMS INVITED WILL BE CALIFORNIA-BASED COMPANIES. KUWAIT RECREATION AND TOURISM COMPANY WILL OPERATE PARK.

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3. COMMERCE MAY WISH TO PASS THIS INFORMATION ON TO
CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT FIRMS WHICH HAVE STRONG
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